



# PARENT UPDATE

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**National Quality Standard** The National Quality Framework introduces a new quality standard to improve children's education and care services across Australia. The revised NQS from 1 Feb 2018 sets a high national benchmark for early childhood education and care in Australia and includes 7 quality areas that are important to outcomes for children. Visit [www.acecqa.gov.au](http://www.acecqa.gov.au)

**Tere Vaka review - Commenced January 29** We have engaged Tere Vaka, organisational psychologist, who has a long history with our service to discuss educator support. Tere has visited with 16 educators and all educators have the opportunity to participate in the survey. WFDC historically operates with the view of 'thinking outside the box'. An example of this is the shift from a traditional Playsession model to the LINK program. The findings from this report will be included in the strategic management plan.

**Nominate an Amazing Educator** Nominations for the 2018 Australian Family Early Education and Care Awards are now open. These annual awards publicly celebrate outstanding contributions in the early childhood education and care sector and aim to encourage Australian working in all areas of the early childhood sector to aspire to excellence. Award Categories include; Early Childhood Educator of the Year, Rising Star Award and Early Childhood Service of the Year. Nominations close 10<sup>th</sup> March.

<http://australianfamily.com.au/earlyeducationandcareawards/nominations>

**New Child Care Package** A reminder the new Child Care Subsidy (CCS) will replace the current CCB/CCR subsidy from July. It is important that you update your details with DHS regarding your income estimate and activity participation (work/study/volunteer). The income threshold has increased to \$350,000, the new CCS will only be paid to child care services (ie no longer directly to a family bank account) and all families will have 10% withheld. Find out more at: <https://www.education.gov.au/child-care-subsidy-1>

**Relief Educator** WFDC does have a permanent early childhood educator, Debbie Shelper, exclusively available for relief care. If your educator away or sick and unable to provide care and you require relief care please contact Marie (3393-4311) and she will make arrangements. Please remember to ask the relief educator, prior to commencing care, for a fee estimate as *each educator has a different fee schedule*. It is also important to request a copy of the contract. If you have some relief/alternative care arranged at any time please make contact promptly with the educator if you need to discuss or cancel the booking. Out of courtesy to the relief educator, please do not be tempted to simply not show up, or to change your mind at the last minute.

**Our 30 year celebration** We are proud to announce that Wynnum Family Day Care will be 30 in April! We will be celebrating this milestone with a party/gathering/event and welcome any suggestions (3393-4311). The celebration will be extended to past families and educators of WFDC.

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